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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**  
**(IN RESPONSE TO THE JUNE 5, 1998 OFFICE ACTION)**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.115 is in response to the June 5, 1998 Office Action that was issued in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the June 5, 1998 Office Action was originally due on September 5, 1998. Accompanying this response is a Request for an Extension of Time (3 months) and authorization for the fee therefor, thereby extending the deadline for responding in this application to December 5, 1998. Because December 5, 1998 falls on a Saturday, under 37 C.F.R. §1.7, the time for taking action in this application may be taken, or the fee paid, on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or a Federal holiday, namely, Monday, December 7, 1998. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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